

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 37-39 and 44 without prejudice or disclaimer.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-13 (cancelled)

Claim 14 (currently amended) A method for generating an output document in a user preferred style, comprising the steps of:

- reading an example file representing said user preferred style into an input buffer;

- searching said input buffer for a pattern that matches that of an expected section;

- if said pattern is found,

- from the position of said pattern, defining a first bound by searching backwards in said buffer until a previous expected search pattern is found;

- from the position of said pattern, defining a second bound by searching forwards in said buffer until a next expected search pattern is found;

- copying a string of characters contained within said input buffer between said first bound and said second bound to a template buffer;

- parsing said template buffer to isolate expected keywords, and names and subsections;

- if said expected section is a section that ~~can be~~ is repeated in a document, saving in said template buffer the line offsets of keywords, names and other elements;

- replacing content-specific subsections with macro names; and

- if said pattern is not found,

- creating a default template buffer for said expected section.

Claim 15 (original) The method of claim 14, comprising the further steps of:

getting a said template buffer for each section to be generated in said output document;

getting user content for all sections of said output document;

creating an output buffer for storing said output document;

for each section of said output document,

putting a corresponding template buffer into a temporary output buffer;

replacing macro names in said temporary output buffer with user content information;

if this section is expected to be repeated and the user desires alignment, using corresponding template offsets to modify said temporary output buffer for aligning keywords, names, and other sub-sections;

inserting the content of said temporary output buffer into said output buffer; and

writing said output buffer to a file.

Claims 16-44 (cancelled)